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1. [Redacted]  
the dissolution of the Materialamt in Pirna has nothing to do with the events of 17 June. The deactivation of the establishment was initiated as early as January 1953. [Redacted] the Americans, referring to the Potsdam agreement, had intervened and threatened they would establish similar enterprises in West Germany unless the Soviets closed down the Materialamt. Continuation of work in Pirna without the aid of the Soviets was out of the question.
2. The following plans were under consideration for the Materialamt in January 1953:
  - a. Transfer to Koenigstein with a special test field to be installed in the caves. This project had to be abandoned because Koenigstein is to serve as an MDJ vacation camp.
  - b. A splitting up of the Materialamt among plants in Zwickau, Chemnitz, Dessau and Schkeuditz.
  - c. The establishing of a training base for flying personnel in Camenz.

None of the projects mentioned and planned was carried out. The Soviets gradually withdrew and the institute was completely dissolved in June 1953.
3. The Materialamt Pirna and its Berlin headquarters were definitely dissolved and there was not the faintest sign of their being re-established. Until recently duplicating apparatus and drawings had been stored in House No 15 of the Sonnenstein complex of buildings. Source could not state if this house was evacuated. It probably still serves as a record office. The entire area of the Sonnenstein Institute was used as a building area for a AA unit of the KVP.

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